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Senate Democrats Fight to Help Workers, Make Sure Tax Breaks Spur Investment in Michigan

LANSING- Democrats in the Michigan Senate fought for measures to put Michigan and its citizens first during today's debate on business tax cuts. Senate Democrats offered several amendments that would require businesses to reinvest in Michigan in order to qualify for new business tax cuts and provide assistance to individuals most affected by the struggling economy.

"As we work to help the manufacturers that are the foundation of our current economy, it is just as important to make sure we are reinforcing the workers and families that are the foundation of our communities," Sen. Deb Cherry (D-Burton). "I agree with helping our manufacturing companies, but I wanted the bills to be clear that we want to help the workers directly too."

The Cherry amendments made certain that employers needed to retain workers in order to qualify for the tax cuts, and that all investments needed to be made inside Michigan.

"Michigan jobs - Michigan people - must be the top priorities in any discussion about moving our economy forward," said Senator Buzz Thomas (D-Detroit). "The measures we fought for today puts those issues front and center as the process continues."

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